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2. U.S. Patent No. 5,020,024 issued May 28, 1991.
3. European Patent Application Publication No. 0 974 912, published January 26, 2000.
4. U.S. Patent No. 5,353,436 issued October 4, 1994.
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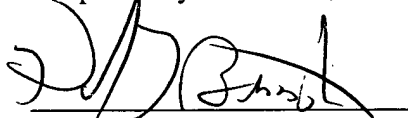
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